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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 16 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 16-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Final Rejection

The Status of Claims

Claims 1-7, and 16-17 are pending.

Claims 1-7, and 16-17 are rejected.

Claim 17 is objected.

Claim Objections

The objection of Claim 1 has been withdrawn due to the modification of the claim 1 is the amendment. However, there is some issue to be resolved in the amendment.

Claim 1 has been newly amended to the original claims in order to introduce the negative proviso with the following phrase "provided that R10 is not aminomethyl".

However, the newly introduced limitation with the negative proviso is not present and shown in the original specification. A close inspection of the original claims and specification do not provide antecedent basis for the proposed change. New matter can not be introduced into specification at any time during the prosecution, unless there is a supporting description that would support the proposed change. Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim 17 is objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 17, the following chemical name "

(S)-{3,5-Dibromo-4-[4-hydroxy-3-(4-phenyl-4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl)-phenoxy]-phenyl}-acetic acid
" is recited. In the part of the compound, one of the groups is the five membered heterocyclic oxazole compound. Applicants have elected the Group I which contains only non-heterocyclic compounds; therefore, the examiner recommends to remove the limitation about the heterocyclic compound from the claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Applicants' argument filed 06/25/07 have been fully considered but are not persuasive.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

The rejection of Claims 1-7 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, has been withdrawn due to the modification made in the claims in the amendment.

In the revised claims of the amendment filed on 6/25/07, there is still some new issue to be resolved.

Claims 1-7 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

In Claim 1, the negative proviso with the following phrase " provided that R10 is not aminomethyl" is recited.

The negative proviso with "R10 is not aminomethyl" lacks description in the original specification. Therefore, the addition of the negative proviso with this group to the claims does not provide antecedent basis for the proposed change. New matter can not be introduced into specification at any time during the prosecution, unless there is a supporting description that would support the proposed changes. Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action. The proviso lacks description. Even a negative limitation requires description, *Ex Parte Grasselli*, 231 USPQ 393.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

The rejection of Claims 1-7, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been withdrawn due to the modification made in the claims in the amendment.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 17, the following phrase "are selected from bromine, chlorine, or methyl" is recited. This expression is vague and indefinite because the term "or" present in the phrase "selected from bromine, chlorine, or methyl" is a representative of the open ended description of a Markush-type group. Therefore, an appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

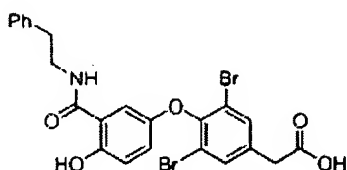
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

The rejection of 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated clearly by Plattner (US 4,389,416).

The rejection of 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated clearly by Plattner (US 4,389,416) is maintained for the reasons of the record on 3/23/07.

Allowable Subject Matter

The elected compound below:



is allowable.

Applicants' Argument

Applicants argue the following issues:

- a. The rejection of 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated clearly by Plattner (US 4,389,416) is maintained; however, the compounds disclosed in the cited prior art are not within the scope of the amended claims.

Applicants' arguments have been noted, but the arguments are not persuasive.

First, regarding applicants' arguments, the Examiner has noted applicants' arguments. However, the amended claim 1 has been objected and rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph with reasons provided in the above.

Therefore, the arguments are not persuasive.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Taylor Victor Oh whose telephone number is 571-272-0689. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571-272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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